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SUBJECT:

DEAR MRS. NEIHOUS:

ON THE EVE OF THE UNHAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF THE KIDNAPPING OF YOUR HUSBAND IN VENEZUELA, I AM WRITING TO TELL YOU HOW DISTRESSED WE ARE AT THE BURDEN YOU HAVE HAD TO BEAR SO LONG AND SO COURAGEOUSLY.

AT THIS MOMENT OF SPECIAL GRIEF AND REFLECTION, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT ALL OF US IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH BILL'S WELFARE, AS WELL AS THOSE OF US WHO HAVE KNOWN HIM IN VENEZUELA, SHARE IN YOUR ANGUISH AND JOIN YOU IN PRAYERS FOR HIS EARLY AND SAFE RELEASE. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE BEEN INFLICTED WITH A MONSTROUS INJUSTICE AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN IN COOPERATION WITH THE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES TO BRING HIM BACK TO YOU.

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SINCERELY, WILLIAM H. LUERS, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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